

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-3. (Canceled).

4. (Previously Presented) A process for preparing a cast-coated paper comprising: applying a coating color comprising a pigment and an adhesive on a base paper containing an organic compound having the effect of inhibiting interfiber bonding of pulp to form a coating layer,

    drying the coating layer in a wet state,  
    smoothing the dried coating layer,  
    rewetting the smoothed layer, and  
    pressing and drying the coating layer against a heated mirror finishing surface to form a finished cast coating layer,

    wherein the coating color contains not less than 50 parts by weight of a kaolin based on 100 parts by weight of inorganic pigments, and wherein the kaolin has a particle size distribution such that not less than 65% by volume of the particles are in the range of 0.4-4.2  $\mu\text{m}$  and the cast coating layer contains a plastic pigment.

5. (Previously Presented) The process for preparing a cast-coated paper of claim 4 wherein the coating layer has a sheet gloss of 70% or more as measured according to JIS-P8142 after drying and before rewetting.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 4, wherein the plastic pigment is contained in an amount of 5-50 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the inorganic pigments.

8. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 4, wherein the coating color comprises a solid plastic pigment.

9.-11. (Canceled).